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PRESS

Press release issued: U.S. EPA Prioritizes Cleanup of Casmalia Superfund Site. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

Press release issued: <u>U.S. EPA Removes Anaconda Copper Mine from Superfund Emphasis List</u>. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

SF Weekly (Ida Mojadad) [received 4/11] – OPEN – Reporter would like to speak with EPA about soil sampling at Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Asked reporter to send me her questions, working with program on response. DDL: 4/19. SFD, NorCal, Michele Huitric

WEB & SOCIAL MEDIA

Social Media:

Citizen Science – Shared a message from our Office of Research and Development to our <u>Twitter</u> page and linked to our <u>Interested in Collecting Data about an Environmental Concern in Your Community? page.</u>

Web Updates:

NPDES Permits – Published the <u>Public Notice</u>: <u>Proposed Issuance of NPDES Permit for NTUA Kayenta Wastewater Treatment Facility</u> and related content.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Tomorrow - Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA-12): Chief of Staff Robert Edmonson reached out to Brent Maier today requesting an update briefing on Hunters Point this week. Brent shared this request with Superfund's Enrique Manzanilla, John Lyons, Angeles Herrera, John Chesnutt, and Lily Lee and will work to set up a call that works for key R9 staff/managers and Robert Edmonson. Brent has confirmed a call with Robert Edmonson and Superfund Division's Enrique Manzanilla, John Chesnutt, and Lily Lee for tomorrow, Tuesday, April 17th at 11:00am PT (2:00pm ET).

Rep. Nanette Barragan (D-CA-44): As a follow up to an earlier inquiry from Morgan Roth, Deputy District Director who contacted Brent Maier to see if EPA had any grants or funding opportunities on behalf of the City of Long Beach Council to support their urban agricultural initiative. Brent shared information that CoS Amy Miller received from folks at NRCS

regarding a program called "High Tunnels" that is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural producers to install a high tunnel, also known as a hoop house. The goal of the initiative is to assist producers to extend the growing season for high value crops in an environmentally safe manner along with the name and contact information for Jae Lee, Asst. State Conservationist who works out of NRCS's Riverside Office. Brent also shared information/links about

EPA's Local Food, Local Places Technical Assistance Program which is run out of EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places Local Foods, Local Places helps cities and towns across the country protect the environment and human health by engaging with local partners to reinvest in existing neighborhoods as they develop local food systems. The program is sponsored by the https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places Local Foods, Local Food systems. The program is sponsored by the https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places Local Food systems. The program is sponsored by the https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places Local Food Program (DOT), the https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places Local Food Program (DOT), the https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places Local Food Program (DOT), the https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-local-places Local Food Program (DOT), the <a href="https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/local-foods-fo

Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52): Brent Maier shared some additional follow up information to an earlier inquiry from staffers Anais Borja and Howard Ou regarding our recent press release announcing EPA awarding \$25.4 million to train and assist small drinking water and wastewater systems. Brent pass along some information provided by HQ Office of Water letting them know that because EPA is only now announcing award of these grants, the grantees are only now beginning their efforts to implement the training, technical assistance, and other activities that they will undertake. This means that the work to identify particular water systems to train or assist has not yet occurred. To do this, our grantees will be working with the appropriate state regulatory authority (for example, the California State Water Resources Control Board) to identify and prioritize systems in greatest need. We would recommend that systems that are interested in receiving the types of training and technical assistance provided under this grant contact their regulatory authority. For a drinking water system in your district, that would mean the Division of Drinking Water within the State Water Resources Control Board.

Rep. Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1): Brent Maier shared some follow up information with Blanca Varela, District Director in the Casa Grande District Office of Congressman Tom O'Halleran. During a recent in-person meeting with Blanca Verala on March 21st in which Blanca raised the issue of brown drinking water in the Carrizo Creek community on the Fort Apache Reservation. Brent shared these concerns with colleagues in our Drinking Water Protection Section. Andrew Sallach provided a write up that was shared with Blanca Verela that included the following: Public Water System number 09 0400244 serves the Carrizo community on the Fort Apache Reservation, with approximately 420 customers, and is operated by the White Mountain Apache Tribal Utility Authority. The water system has one operating well that exceeds the secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for manganese by 20 times the secondary MCL, sulfate by 3 times the secondary MCL, and total dissolved solids (TDS) by 3 times the secondary MCL. According to EPA documents, these contaminants do not pose a health concern. Manganese can cause a black to brown color, black staining and bitter metallic taste. Sulfate and TDS can cause the water to taste salty; for immediate relief, the Utility Authority has a water truck parked in Carrizo for customers to fill water containers, the water is hauled from another PWS; last year, EPA approved \$90,000 of Drinking Water Tribal Set Aside funding for an investigation and study of old wells in a different watershed to determine if the water quality will be acceptable. The Indian Health Service is performing the work through an inter-agency agreement and has begun the investigation; and, a regional water system is funded by the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Agreement and currently being designed by the Bureau of Reclamation. This project will take several years to reach Carrizo, therefore the EPA funded study to find an acceptable local source of water is important.

Congressional Outreach on Casmalia and Anaconda Press Releases: Brent Maier shared today's Casmalia press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris and Rep. Salud Carbajal announcing that the EPA released an updated Administrator's Emphasis List of Superfund sites. The list represents sites identified by the Regions with concurrence from the Administrator that will benefit from his targeted, immediate and intense attention. The Casmalia Resources site in Santa Barbara County, Calif., was added to the list to spur action on

cleanup and redevelopment efforts. Brent shared today's Anaconda press release with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Dean Heller and Catherine Cortez Masto and Representatives Mark Amodei and Ruben Kihuen announcing that the updated list no longer includes the Anaconda Copper Mine in Nevada as cleanup activities progress and completion of specific milestones and timelines have benefited from the Administrator's influence.

Tomorrow - HQ Meeting with City of Santa Rosa Official Regarding Water System Contamination Post Wildfires: EPA HQ will meet on Tuesday, April 17th at 12:30pm PT with Ben Horenstein, Water Utilities Manager – Santa Rosa, CA regarding Disaster Recovery: City's Water System Contamination – Post Wildfires; Interest in Federal Resources to Assist Efforts to Address. The city received a major amount of damage from the fires in October 2017. Mr. Horenstein is in town this week for "Water Week." He will brief EPA and Region IX staff on damage to water lines, and the resulting water contamination to the water system caused by the melting plastics. There is interest in any sources of federal funds to address the damage and the contamination. Water Division's Mike Montgomery, Doug Eberhardt and Roger Gorke and Superfund Division's Dan Meer have been added to the HQ calendar invite.

Upcoming Congressional Meetings, Hearings, Intergovernmental Meetings and Events:

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 – Senate Environment and Public Works Committee: Will hold a hearing entitled, "The Appropriate Role of States and the Federal Government in Protecting Groundwater." The hearing will likely be focused on the ongoing court battle over CWA limits on pollution that travels through groundwater to surface waters like rivers. The hearing comes after a second federal appeals court recently held that those pollution releases can be considered "point sources" subject to federal limits -- a principle that industry defendants say threatens to upend states' CWA authority over groundwater. Witnesses: Amanda Waters, general counsel, National Association of Clean Water Agencies; Martha Clark Mettler, assistant commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Quality; Joe Guild, treasurer, National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Frank Holleman, senior attorney, Southern Environmental Law Center; and Anthony Brown, CEO and principal hydrologist, Aquilogic Inc. More Information.

Thursday, April 19, 2018 – House Appropriations Committee: The House Appropriations Committee's interior and environment panel, which has authority over EPA's budget, will hold its "Members' Day" hearing on April 19th.

Thursday, April 19, 2018 and Friday, May 4, 2018 - Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA-13): At the request of Chief of Staff Amy Miller, Brent Maier reached out to the Congresswoman's Oakland Office to set up two meetings, the 1st would be a meeting here at our Regional Office at 75 Hawthorne St. in San Francisco on Thursday, April 19th at 2:00pm – 3:00pm with Acting District Director Tatyana Kalinga and would include a presentation and full discussion on what EPA is doing on lead in Oakland, and would also include an update on Brownfield sites in Oakland. Deldi Reyes is taking the lead on organizing the discussion for this meeting. The 2nd meeting would be a follow up meeting in the Congresswoman's Oakland District Office that would focus on City of Oakland/Port of Oakland issues. This meeting would involve Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss, Amy Miller, Richard Grow and Desean Garnett and will be taking place on Friday, May 4th at 3:30pm and will include Acting District Director Tatyana Kalinga and Field Representative Xavier Johnson.

Tuesday, April 24, 2018 – Special Election in Arizona's 8th Congressional District: The Special Election takes place to fill the 8th Congressional District seat vacated by former Rep. Trent Franks. Republican candidate Debbie Lesko will face-off against Democratic candidate Hiral Tipirneni.

Week of April 23, 2018 (Day/Time TBD) – House Appropriations Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – Senate Appropriations Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

Thursday, April 26, 2018 – House Energy and Commerce Committee: FY2019 Budget Hearing with EPA. Witness: Administrator Scott Pruitt

Tuesday – Wednesday, May 1 – 2, 2018: Mayors Water Council Convenes May 1 – 2, 2018: EPA's Office of Water has been invited to participate in USCM's Mayors Water Council's Washington, DC meeting as member mayors convene to discuss a number of priorities. OIR is working with USCM and OW staff on the request. Broad discussion topics include: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Policies of Inclusion and Innovation; Water and Sewer Infrastructure Financing; Public Water Affordability and Integrated Planning; and, Regulatory Review. Assistant Administrator for Water Dave Ross has been invited to engage in dialogue with the mayors as they take the opportunity to familiarize him with their perspectives on such matters of interest as: WOTUS; Regions and Consent Decrees (stormwater); Water Reuse Guidance; Guidance on Financial Capability; Integrated Planning; and, the Lead and Copper Rule. AA Ross is unavailable, and Andrew Sawyers, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, will appear in his stead. The Council has also invited OW leads for the MS4 Pilot Projects, and the WIFIA Program to appear with overviews, and engage in discussions. Mayor Jill Techel (Napa, CA), is Chair of the Council. Over thirty mayors from a cross-section of the country serve on the Council. AA Ross last addressed the Council on January 24, 2018 during USCM's Annual Winter Meeting in Washington, DC. He discussed EPA's priority programs WIFIA, SRFs, and those involving Integrated Stormwater Management Planning and he listened to member mayors about their concerns. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon